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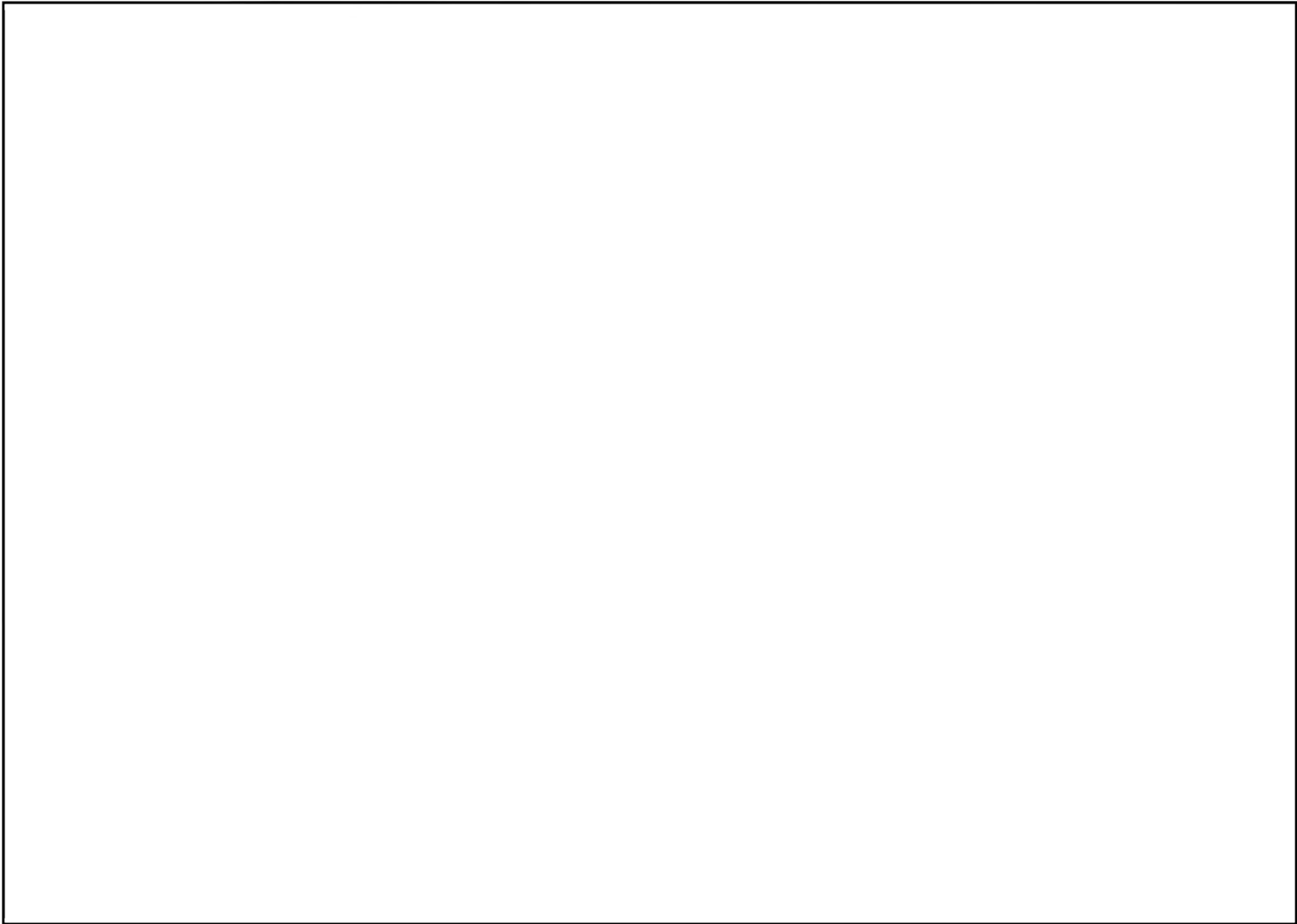
I.

- C. Mobutu was unsuccessful in this effort which began on 1 January when 100 to 200 of his soldiers were turned back from Bukavu in an attack launched from neighboring Ruanda-Urundi.
- D. Control of large area Kivu province would provide dissidents with means of alleviating food shortage Stanleyville.
- E. No indication of Mobutu's next move.

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1. Setback in Kivu likely to increase pressure on Mobutu for offensive against Stanleyville, but may also have stirred doubts within army of his capacity to defeat dissidents.



III. Arrival in Leopoldville of UN conciliation commission, plus Hammarskjold, likely to bring new effort restore civil government in Congo.

- A. Kasavubu has called roundtable conference of Congo political leaders for 25 January.

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1. In apparent attempt to freeze out Lumumba sympathizers, he barred a reconvening of parliament on grounds that it "no longer representative of country."

- B. Mobutu, although content with political status quo, not likely to oppose roundtable conference. Tshombé, however, not disposed to cooperate with Leopoldville factions.
- C. Disparate interests various Congo leaders, together with their inability control areas and groups in whose names they speak, make it doubtful that roundtable will contribute significantly to political solution.

IV. The so-called Conference of African States which convened yesterday in Casablanca at the behest of Moroccan King Mohammad, will provide a sounding board for radical African states--UAR, Guinea, Ghana and Mali--who will dominate the proceedings.

- A. These countries and the rebel Algerian government the only ones to send heads of state.
- B. Others attending include the Libyan Foreign Minister and the Ceylonese Ambassador to the UAR.
- C. A few other countries have sent observers, but the conference clearly a disappointment to its sponsor King Mohammad who had hoped for sizeable attendance by Afro-Asian leaders including Nehru.
- D. In addition to Algerian and French Test issues, conference may result in joint agreement among the attending African chiefs of state on aid to Gizenga dissidents and public endorsement legitimacy Gizenga government.
- E. Communist bloc would probably participate in any arrangements made to supply Gizenga.

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